

Dockery on State Issues.

"Republican leaders, have been charging that tax assessments of railroads have been reduced, while those of farms have been increased since 1875 by the Democratic party. The charge is as baseless as the charges brought regarding the school fund, and in this case also, as in the case of the school fund, investigation shows that the Republican party's record in this respect contains cause for censure.

"It was not until March 10, 1871, when the Republican grip on the State was loosening and when a Democratic Legislature was in power, that the act assessing railroads for taxation was passed. Before that time the railroads of Missouri had not paid a cent of tax.

"By taking the figures of 1875 the Republican leaders have attempted to show that railroads were assessed at \$13,142 per mile then, while now they are assessed at \$11,138 per mile.

"The answer to this is that in 1875 under railroads, were included all kinds of railroad property which are not assessed under that head now. It included 2,000,000 acres of land, it included town lots, workshops, machine shops and warehouses. These latter classes of property are now assessed, not by the State, but by the communities where they are located.

"Comparing the railroad assessment in 1877, when these classes of property were first excluded from classification as railways, with the present assessment, we find that in 1877, 3,190 miles of railways were assessed at \$24,118,441 or at the rate of \$7,560 per mile. In 1900 6,775 miles of railway are assessed at \$77,448,204, or at the rate of \$11,431 per mile. Here is an increase in assessment in twenty-three years of 51 per cent.

"This proves that the assessment of railroads has not been reduced. More than this, the assessment of railroads has increased in greater proportion than the assessment of farm lands.

"In 1877, 36,183,929 acres of lands were taxed at the rate of \$6.89 per acre. In 1900, 41,499,765 acres were taxed at \$7.75 an acre, making an increase of 11 per cent. Railroad assessment has increased 51 per cent since 1877, while farm land assessment has increased only 11 per cent."

M. K. & T. Reduces Rates In Indian Territory.

Ever since the construction of the M. K. & T. Ry. through the Indian Territory its local passenger rate between stations in the Indian Territory has been on the basis of five cents a mile. The customary rate of passenger fares on railroads except in sparsely settled country, is three cents a mile. The population of the Indian Territory during the past few years has grown rapidly; there has been a large increase in passenger traffic on this account, and the Katy officials, recognizing the wants of the people and the justice of so doing, have voluntarily arranged to reduce the local passenger rate to a basis of three cents a mile. This reduction will take place on or about November first. There will be great rejoicing among the residents along the line of the M. K. & T.

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Pointed Paragraphs.

Egyptian mummies are dry subjects.

A heart full of grace is better than a heart full of notions.

The average lazy man is too lazy to worry about his laziness.

A woman will pardon want of sense quicker than want of manners.

There is more style about some boarding houses than there is grub.

If you would be paid according to your own idea of your worth, get necessary.

The hand that rocks the cradle can seldom throw a brick to hit anything in sight.

Some people talk a long time before you can get at what they are trying to say.

Never judge a man by the silk umbrella he carries; he may have left a cotton one somewhere in its place.—Chicago Daily News.

Ashamed to Tell Mother.

Such was a boy's reply to his playmates who were trying to tempt him to do something wrong.

"But you needn't tell her; no one will know anything about it."

"I would know all about it myself and I'd feel very mean if I couldn't tell my mother."

"It's a pity you wasn't a girl. The idea of a boy running and telling his mother every little thing."

You may laugh if "you want to," said the noble boy, "but I've made up my mind never so long as I live to do anything I would be ashamed to tell my mother."—Selected.

"If a man threatens to discharge you because you vote the Democratic ticket, tell him that if this country is as prosperous as Republicans say it is, you ought not to have any trouble getting another job. And, my friends, if conditions are such that a man having employment does not go where he can get another job if he loses his present job, then conditions are nothing to brag of in this country. When will you be stronger to assert and defend your manhood? When the trusts have the monopoly of all industries and when you have to go on your knees to the ground and ask some trust magnate for your daily bread, it will be too late. I want to say this in conclusion: Do not stop when you have voted the electoral ticket, but vote to send Democrats to Congress to carry out the Democratic plans.—W. J. Bryan.

William and J. F. Hale, of Rushville, Ill., spent the latter part of the week in the city and vicinity looking at the country, J. Frank Smith was showing them the sights.

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If this article falls under the eye of a man who works for wages he should read it and then study for himself the points herein presented. Has the alleged prosperity which the Republican talk so much about increased your wages? If so, how much? We venture the assertion that of all the clerks in this city not over five draw more salary than they did four years ago; the men who work by the day in this city do not receive any more wages than they did four years ago. This applies equally as much to all who work for wages. Now the other side of this story. Do you buy as cheap as you did? Just hunt up your old bills of a few years ago and see how compare with the prices that you pay today. The result will be that you will find yourself eating less or paying a great deal more for the same amount of food. Your clothing costs more than it did and your general expense is greater than it was, yet your salary or income is just the same. The merchant is not responsible for this condition for he is forced by the trusts to pay more for the goods he buys and it is impossible for him to realize as much profit as he did before so he is engaged in a losing business and has no way to protect himself. The increase in price of the larger number of articles that enter into the ordinary consumption of the general public is not caused by the market price of the raw material but is due to the fact that the manufacture of that article is in the hands of a monopoly or trusts and they are enabled to fix the price arbitrarily. These things demand your attention and you should study them so as to be able to cast your vote intelligently in the coming election.—Carrollton Democrat.

ROAD TAX,

Constitutional Amendment No. 2 gives the People of the county the right to vote a special tax for Road Purposes, alone, of 15c on the \$100. We would advise every last man of you to vote as it for it is the quickest and easiest way to get good roads and bridges and you will feel the burden less. The present tax in Monroe county is only 5c and it comes near being an aggravation.

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Theodore Roosevelt

A crows tail will follow him so does Teddy Roosevelt's vapors of 1896. Just before the election of that year the fire eating and Cuban shooting-in-the-back Teddy said: "I am in readiness to lead an armed force to Washington to prevent the inauguration of Mr. Bryan in the event of his election." Great is Teddy. Teddy is the boy who calls people who ask him questions, "Hoboes."

Let no man be fooled about the trusts. They bode no good for the masses of people. They are organized to make money and they have a way of making money that is very effectual. They kill all competition, control the price of raw material, fix the wage scale of their employees and make out the price list for the finished products. That gives them a power to make money which has no limit except the limit of a rubber science—Nashville Democrat.